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DISCRIMINATION AGAINST INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

Draft resolution submitted by Mr. Eide, Mr. Hatano and Ms. Warzazi

1992/... Relocation of Navajo and Hopi families

The Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities,

Recalling its resolutions 1989/37 of 1 September 1989 and 1990/34 of 31 August 1990 concerning the relocation of Navajo and Hopi families from northern Arizona in the United States of America,

Recalling also the reports prepared by Ms. Erica-Irene Daes and Mr. John Carey (E/CN.4/Sub.2/1989/35, Part I and Part II and Add.1) pursuant to its decision 1988/105 of 1 September 1989,

Mindful of the conclusions contained in the working paper on human rights dimensions of population transfer, including the implantation of settlers and settlements prepared by Ms. Christy Mbonu (E/CN.4/Sub.2/1981/47), with respect to the impact of such activities on the enjoyment of human rights,

1. Recommends that members of the Navajo Nation and Hopi Tribe participate in court-ordered mediation to seek a peaceful settlement of the situation;

2. Expresses the hope that mediation will result in a settlement that respects the rights and dignity of the families directly affected;

3. Appeals to the Government of the United States of America to ensure, through cooperation with the court-appointed mediator, that no further relocation of these families takes place;

4. Requests the mediator to submit all relevant information regarding the human rights aspects of the case in question and the outcome of the mediation to the Sub-Commission at its forty-fifth session.